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1. [] Met with Representative Frances P. Bolton as a result of her comment at a recent House Foreign Affairs Committee briefing by the Director concerning alleged statement by Roger Hilsman that State Department information on Cuba was different from CIA. I showed her the Drew Pearson column of 29 January 1962 where this statement is made and referred to Hilsman's letter to the Director of 29 January 1962 in which he denied having any conversations with Drew Pearson or his staff. In that letter Hilsman positively stated he did not have any differing information on Cuba. Mrs. Bolton was appreciative of my having followed up on this and said she would not have mentioned it except that she had received a letter on the subject.

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2. [] Talked with Bob Smart, House Armed Services Committee, who consulted with Mr. Vinson concerning the regular monthly meeting of the Agency with the Subcommittee. In view of the pending debates on the RS-70 issue, Mr. Vinson decided that any meeting should wait over until next month.

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3. [] Talked with Bill Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee, to see if there were any later word on the possibility of confirmation hearings next Thursday for General Carter. Mr. Darden stated the Chairman could give no better word except that the Committee would take this up if it were at all possible but that again the RS-70 issue might force postponement until the following Thursday.

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4. [] Talked with William Saltonstall in the office of Senator Saltonstall concerning a constituent letter from the Editor of the WORCESTER TELEGRAM who had forwarded to the Senator a Kenneth de Courcy INTELLIGENCE DIGEST which asserted the Soviets had been successful in an anti-ICBM missile. I gave Bill Saltonstall our general views concerning the accuracy of the ^{information} intelligence and, in addition, provided him with a suggested draft for a reply that the Senator might make. He thought this would be very satisfactory and appreciated the information.